

Development of Museums in Madhya Pradesh

†2243. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received a proposal amounting of Rs. 44.17 lakhs from the State Government of Madhya Pradesh for the upgradation and development of Tulsi Sangrahalaya, Ram Van under the scheme of development and strengthening of local museums and a bank draft of Rs. 7.50 lakhs has been released against it to the State Government by the Central Government; and

(b) if so, by when the balance amount is likely to be released?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The proposal of Tulsi Sangrahalaya was received during 2004-05 and an amount of Rs. 10.00 lakhs was sanctioned. Out of Rs. 10.00 lakhs sanctioned, an amount of Rs. 7.50 lakhs was released as 1st instalment. The balance amount of Rs. 2.50 lakhs will be released on receipt of the Utilisation Certificate in respect of the amount already released by the Central Government (Rs. 7.50 lakhs) and also in respect of the matching share of the State Government (Rs. 2.50 lakhs).

Development of tourism in Sikkim

2244. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the State Government of Sikkim for development of tourism during the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of the proposals received from Government of Sikkim during the current year.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

- (1) Development of Amusement Park at Sarmsa at an estimated cost of Rs. 488.55 lakhs.
- (2) Development of Pilgrim Circuit at Sorang at an estimated cost of Rs. 399.87 lakhs.
- (3) Development of Assam Lingzey and Khedi Trek Route at an estimated cost of Rs. 339.08 lakhs.
- (4) Development of Car park and meeting hall at Samdrupse in South Sikkim at an estimated cost of Rs. 390.50 lakhs.
- (5) Construction of Trekking Trail to Bhalay Dunga from Yangang and other infrastructure at an estimated cost of Rs. 362.50 lakhs.
- (6) Development of Rock Garden and Recreational Park under Jorethang constituency in South Sikkim at an estimated cost of Rs. 924.08 lakh.
- (7) Development of Pilgrimage Tourism and other infrastructure at Sang, East Sikkim at an estimated cost of Rs. 497.99 lakh.
- (8) Development of Lepcha Heritage Centre at Satam Gangyong in South Sikkim at an estimated cost of Rs. 247.27 lakh.
- (9) Proposal to install a 60 feet high statue of Lord Buddha at Ravangla, South Sikkim, development of basic amenities, landscaping etc.
- (10) Celebration of Namchi Mahotsava with CFA component of Rs. 5.00 lakhs.
- (11) Celebration of Gangtok Winter Festival with CFA component of Rs. 5.00 lakhs.
- (12) Celebration of Mangan Mela with CFA component of Rs. 5.00 Lakhs.
- (13) Celebration of Maghey Mela with CFA component of Rs. 5.00 lakhs.
- (14) Development of village at (a) Chirbirey, (b) Zoom & (c) Majigoan River Bank for consideration under Non Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR), at an estimated cost of Rs. 19.10 crore. This proposal was received by Ministry of Development of North East Region (DONER).

(c) Action taken by Government on the proposals.

Proposals in respect of projects at Sr. Nos. 1 to 5, Sr. Nos. 10 to 13 were prioritized in consultation with State Government. Proposals in respect of projects which are identified /prioritized for development are required to be submitted by the State Government in prescribed format alongwith relevant information and documents.

Proposals in respect of identified projects which are complete in all respect are appraised on the basis of *inter-se* priority and CFA is sanctioned/released to the State Government subject to availability of funds. Proposal in respect of project at Sr. No. 1 has been sanctioned with Central Financial Assistance (CFA) component of Rs. 488.55 lakh. 1st instalment of Rs. 390.84 lakh has also been released to the State Government. Proposal for celebration of Maghey Mela (Sr. No. 13) has been sanctioned with CFA component of Rs. 5.00 lakh and 1st instalment of Rs. 4.00 lakh has been released to the State Government.

Promotion of tourism near archaeological sites

2245. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have any proposal to make villages and minor towns to be made tourist attractions;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government are giving thrust on tourism near archaeological sites on countryside;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether orchards are being developed near highways to encourage tourism; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) The creation of infrastructure in Rural areas having potential for tourism is being supported under the existing scheme of Product/Infrastructure Development for Destination and Circuit of Ministry of Tourism, while